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SHARING CREATION TRUTH!

THIS past summer saw numerous opportunities to share the truth of God's creation in the British Isles. These ranged from exhibits at shows, Christian and secular events, and witness in the open air.

Professor Andy McIntosh assisted United Beach Missions with their "Christian Answer" open-air witness in Oxford, Canterbury, and Bournemouth. He reports: "The connection with origins is immediately apparent once one tries to witness to the average person in our streets." This underlines what evangelists often tell us: evolution is the main objection people bring against the Christian Gospel. It is not a "side issue" as many Christians would have us believe.

Street evangelism in Oxford.

Thousands of pieces of CRT's literature have been distributed this summer. A Christian ministry aimed at reaching the farming community ordered 500 copies of our children's paper *Our World* to give away at agricultural shows. Soon afterwards they wrote, "We had a wonderful response at the Hertfordshire Show… Over 300 children were contacted and given the papers." They requested a further 500 copies to give away at two more shows.

Tim and Rachel Street at "Creation Fest", Cornwall

Creation Ministries International exhibited at the annual Keswick Convention, and also at "Creation Fest" — a free seven-day Christian Music Festival at the Royal Cornwall Showground at Wadebridge, which was attended by several thousand people. The organisers of the Festival are fully committed to a six-day creation, and the words of Genesis 1: 1 were prominently displayed in their main venue. Tim and Rachel Street of Barnstaple manned the stand. CRT provided a quantity of free literature, which was very popular. Tim reported: "We had a steady stream of people all week from 12 noon till 9.30pm." Tim presented two seminars: "Evolution or Creation?" and "Why is Noah's flood important?" Around 250 people attended the seminars, and a lot of interest was generated.

It is not uncommon to hear that church leaders and pastors are effectively censoring what members of their churches or fellowships can read concerning the creation-evolution issue. We have had people say things like, "Our minister/vicar won't allow us to display creationist literature in our church," or Our pastor has asked us to stop giving away your leaflets/magazines" —as though this information were somehow subversive!

Attempts to prevent people thinking for themselves are bad enough in the secular world, but in the church they are utterly deplorable. Christians have the right to access the enormous body of information now available on the creation issue,and thousands have found this information both liberating and faith-strengthening. Thankfully, the internet is allowing more and more people to access this vital information. But there should be no "thought police" in the body of Christ!

AIG at Educators' Conference

Photo: AIG

Answers in Genesis (USA) had a wonderful opportunity to exhibit at a secular event this summer — the annual convention of the National Education Association (NEA) in Chicago. They were there as guests of the NEA Creation Science Educators Caucus, which is allowed to exhibit. The convention was attended by people with a wide range of views, including some atheists and humanists who were quite hostile to the volunteers manning the exhibit (above). However, they passed out more than $50,000 worth of resources, including DVDs and books. AIG reports: "In fact, almost everything we brought was gone — distributed at no charge." AIG asks for prayer that the DVDs will be watched, and the books will be read, by those who picked up the resources — that they will not end up in a trash can or on some dusty shelf.

News from various media sources

DESIGNED TO BELIEVE

"A three-year international research project, directed by two academics at the University of Oxford, finds that humans have natural tendencies to believe in gods and an afterlife." reported *Science Daily* (14th July 2011). Professor Roger Trigg of the University of Oxford, said, "We have gathered a body of evidence that suggests that religion is a common fact of human nature across different societies. This suggests that attempts to suppress religion are likely to be short-lived as human thought seems to be rooted to religious concepts."

COMMENT: The Bible says that God "has set eternity in the hearts of men." (Ecclesiastes 3: 11). Centuries ago, Augustine wrote, "Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee." Modern science has just caught up! Too bad for the atheists!

TREE FROGS ARE STICKY CLEAN

Science Daily (4th July 2011) reported, "Tree frogs have specially adapted self-cleaning feet which could have practical applications for the medical industry." Until now it was unclear how they prevent the sticky pads on their feet from picking up dirt. It is now clear that "the same factors that allow tree frogs to cling on also provide a self cleaning service." Researchers believe this could provide a design for self-cleaning sticky surfaces, "which could be useful for a wide range of products especially in contaminating environments — medical bandages, tyre performance, and even long lasting adhesives."

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COMMENT: Once again, scientists hope to copy God's design for human benefit. But will He get the credit?

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Creation Moments

In the Blink of an Eye

"I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears." *(Psalm 6: 6)*

The miracle takes place in the blink of an eye. Literally. Every time you blink, you bathe the surface of your eye with a miraculous fluid called tears. Tears are not simply a salty water solution. They are made of water, but also have oils, electrolytes and blink-sticky carbohydrates called mucins. In addition, they contain antibacterial and antiviral substances. One of these substances is called lysozyme. Any bacteria or virus that finds itself in tear fluid has a 95 percent chance of being dead within ten minutes.

That blink of an eye keeps the surface of the eye properly moisturized so that our vision remains clear. Without this moisturisation, your eyes would become red and painful, and, if untreated, you would probably go blind. Tear fluid also provides needed oxygen to the surface of your eyes.

But perhaps the most amazing property of tears is even more unexpected. Humans are the only creatures that cry emotional tears. Studies have shown that the ability to produce tears and cry actually helps us cope with emotional situations. There are some inherited diseases which make people unable to cry tears. Studies have shown that people with this disease cannot deal well with stress.

Tears are a blessing in many ways. But we also remember that God has promised to wipe away all our tears when we reach heaven.

Prayer: Father, I thank You for the gift of crying tears, and I thank You that You have promised to wipe away our tears in heaven. Amen.

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Creation meetings

CRT has been involved in several creation meetings during the summer. We had an exhibit at the London Pentecost Festival at Westminster Central Hall on Saturday June 11th. and Paul Garner of Biblical Creation Ministries gave a lecture on "The New Creationism." The lecture room was packed (right), and extra chairs had to be brought in. A number of people asked questions, and remained behind to talk to Paul. The following morning, Geoff Chapman spoke on "Five Good reasons why you can't believe in Evolution" to a large congregation at the Bridge Christian Fellowship, Golders Green. The talk was well received, and a lot of resources were taken.

On August 10th Geoff Chapman spoke on "Creation or Evolution: Why it Matters" at Mount Zion Evangelical Church, Gorran Haven, in Cornwall (left).

From our mailbox

Greetings to you in Jesus' name. Thank you very much for sending me a Bible and books on creation, and your magazines. These resources are very much helpful to me in my ministry. I am very much touched by your concern for the people in Third World countries. — C. J., India.

Brilliant leaflets. My grandsons love them. [Original View] Thank you. —J. A., Northampton.

Thank you for your reply to my letter which I have been very encouraged and blessed by. The leaflets you sent, along with the book, have been a real eye-opener as I didn't realise that such literature was available. It has been good to share this new-found knowledge. — K. W., HM Prison…….

Thank you for *Our World*. We really value it and enjoy every publication. — G. C., London.

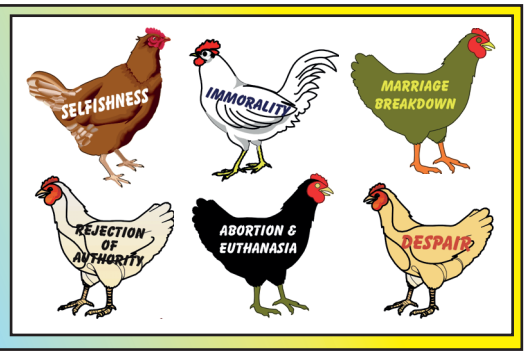
Please kindly include my name on your mailing list so that I may receive *Creation Update* regularly. I am a primary school teacher. It shall be a source of first hand information to me. —J.P., Kenya.

Our church agreed to send a gift towards the work of CRT. Our children very much enjoy the leaflets and many of these go into non-Christian homes. This gift comes with our prayers for your work. —R. B., Dorset

EDITORIAL

DARWIN'S CHICKENS ARE COMING HOME TO ROOST!*

By Geoff Chapman



By what authority do we decide the difference between right and wrong without some outside point of reference? The alternative to accepting God-given rules of conduct is to make up the rules as we go along — a sure recipe for disaster!

WHEN Darwin's *Origin of Species* was published, the wife of the Bishop of Worcester is reputed to have exclaimed: "Descended from apes! My dear, let us hope it is not so; but if it is, that it does not become generally known." The irony is that, although it is demonstrably not true, the idea has become generally believed.

UNPALATABLE TRUTH

There were a few discerning people in Darwin's time who could see the consequences of believing Darwin's ideas, such as geologist Professor Sedgwick, who warned that they would "brutalise" humanity. There is much soul-searching and debate in our society concerning the moral breakdown, particularly following the rioting and looting in some English cities "We must teach young people the difference between right and wrong!'" is the cry from many, yet at the same time we are told that this can be done without reference to God or religion. The unpalatable truth is that Darwin's chickens are coming home to roost! Evolution is all about the triumph of the strong over the weak. If we evolved by the elimination of weaker and less successful species, then isn't it 'natural' to be aggressive? Even prominent evolutionist and atheist Professor Richard Dawkins is worried about the implications. He wrote: "Darwinism, as a system of values, is deeply pernicious and evil and should be fought against. A Darwinian society would be a very unpleasant society in which to live."[1]

LESSONS OF HISTORY

Because there is much ignorance of history we are slow to learn its lessons. Darwin's book was quickly translated into German, and his theory took root there much more rapidly than it did in Britain. Hitler, with his vile theories of a 'master race', emerged from this background, and ended up killing 6 million Jews in the gas chambers. We express horror at such atrocities, and call ourselves civilised, yet every day in Britain more than 400 unborn children are killed by abortion. This is done in the name of 'women's rights' with no thought for the rights of the unborn child. Evolution encourages us to put our own 'rights' before our responsibilities toward others — to love ourselves more than God or our neighbour.

Scene at Clapham, London after overnight rioting, August 9th 2011

Photo: Thomas Dutour: Dreamstime.com

MORALS WITHOUT GOD?

Those who assert that we can have morality without God overlook a vital issue — who makes the rules? Without some outside point of reference do we decide the difference between right and wrong? The alternative to accepting God-given rules of conduct is to make up the rules as we go along — a sure recipe for disaster! We end up with a situation like that mentioned in the book of Judges: "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." *(Judges 17: 6)*. And the reason? ' "Another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel." *(Judges 2: 10)*. Isn't this what we are seeing today? A generation has grown up without the knowledge of God and His moral law. But just as the rebellious Israelites embraced pagan religions, so this generation has embraced the pagan religion of evolutionary humanism! Of course, most people, including the young, are decent and law-abiding, but a growing number has no respect for authority, and objects to being told how they should live.

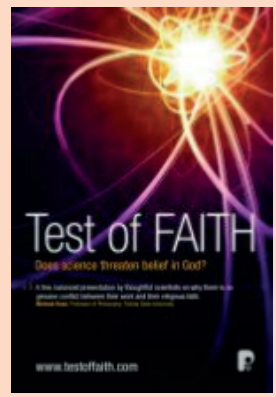
Some humanists admit the moral dilemma created by evolution. Dr Will Durant wrote: "By offering evolution in place of God as a cause of history, Darwin removed the theological basis of the moral code of Christendom. And the moral code that has no fear of God is very shaky. That's the condition we are in."[2] So there we have a humanist, who doesn't believe in God, admitting that we need to believe He exists in order to preserve the social order! The late Dr Francis Schaeffer wrote: "If man is not made in the image of God, nothing then stands in the way of inhumanity."[3] A whole generation has been fed a false view of its origins, and as long as people continue to be taught they are the products of evolution the moral problems facing our society will continue, and we can only guess what horrors may lie ahead. Today, the resources necessary to expose the evolution lie are readily available. Like Gideon of old, let's root out this modern-day Baal and restore belief in God as Creator!

1. Sunday Express, 5th January 1997.
2. Chicago Tribune, April 1980.
3. *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?* 1979.

*This article, slightly revised, is reprinted from *Creation Update* No. 24, Winter 1996.

A confusing "Test of Faith": a new DVD from the Faraday Institute

The Faraday Institute has produced a documentary DVD entitled "A Test of Faith." It features top scientists and theologians, who discuss "many challenging issues raised by the sciences." The views of "young-earth creationists" are briefly presented, and Paul Taylor makes a brief appearance to explain why belief in Genesis is foundational to Christian doctrine. However, the film dismisses such views as being opposed to science.

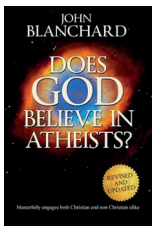


This would come as a surprise to the thousands of creation scientists. The documentary rightly concludes that true science is no threat to faith, and compatible with genuine faith in God, but reveals the Faraday Institute's total commitment to evolution.

The film struggles to explain the existence of death and suffering, even suggesting there are "flaws written into creation." Professor Alastair McGrath said: "Despite its power of explanation, evolution cannot become a philosophy for life... The way nature behaves is not the way things are meant to be." We would agree with that, but according to theistic evolutionists that's how God designed it to be! The DVD cover describes the film as "A fine, balanced presentation by thoughtful scientists." We disagree. These people cannot free themselves from the straight-jacket of evolution, so have to perform theological gymnastics trying to reconcile evolution with their faith. This severely limits their answers to difficult questions about suffering. We believe many Christians would be even more confused after watching "A Test of Faith." Creationists have much more convincing answers!

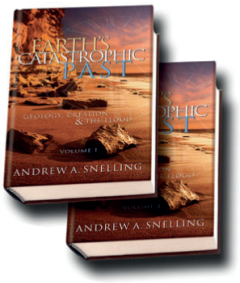
RESOURCE UPDATE

DOES GOD BELIEVE IN ATHEISTS? Dr John Blanchard



This new paperback edition traces the development of atheistic and agnostic thinking over the past 2,500 years and shows how thinkers like Immanuel Kant, Friedrich Neitzsche, Bertrand Russell and others have shaped many people's thinking today. It also pinpoints the flaws in Darwinian evolutionism and claims made for it by Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and others. It reveals why there is no conflict between science and belief in God, exposes fatal errors in nine world religions and fourteen major cults and shows why the existence of evil and suffering is no reason to deny God's existence. Includes appendix: "Dealing with Dawkins." **Large paperback, 720 pages. £10.95 (+ £2 p & p)**

EARTH'S CATASTROPHIC PAST
Dr Andrew Snelling



What does the rock record say about earth's history? This long-awaited update to *The Genesis Flood* is written by a creation scientist who is an experienced professional geologist. It provides up-to-date geological evidence that demonstrates the authority and accuracy of the biblical account of creation and the Flood. With in-depth scholarly research and insight, topics covered in this two-volume set include:

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- Noah, the Ark, and the Animals
- The Framework for a Scriptural Geology
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A creation science educational forum for home educating families has recently been launched. Visit: www.creationclubsuffolk.blogspot.com

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MEDIA WATCH (from page two)

WEEVILS UNHINGED

Wikipedia picture

"A new study has shown that nature was the first to invent screws and nuts," reported *Bioscholar News* (2nd. July 2011). Scientists have found that a species of weevil (right), unlike other insects which have ball-and-socket or hinged joints, have a nut-and-screw joint in their hips. The report concluded: "Though weevils are clumsier than many other beetles, the transformation of a hinge joint into a screw joint has made them better climbers."

COMMENT: The researchers don't attempt to explain how "the transformation of a hinge joint into a screw joint" could have come about by gradual evolutionary steps. Nature can't "invent" anything. Sounds like more good design.

SPIDER DIVERS SURPRISE

Wikipedia photo by Norbert Schuller

Science Daily (13th June 2011) reported that scientists at the University of Adelaide, Australia have made a surprising discovery about water spiders (left), which spend their lives below the water, breathing from their "diving bell" air bubble. Until now, it was thought that they needed to resurface every 20-40 minutes. Using an oxygen-measuring device called an optode, researchers found that the spiders' diving bell behaves like a gill, extracting oxygen from water, enabling them to remain beneath the surface. "The spiders only need to dash to the surface once a day to supplement their air supply."

COMMENT: How could this system have evolved? The spiders couldn't survive below water unless the system worked properly from the start.

CONFUSED ABOUT FROGS

Science Daily (1st August 2011) claimed that scientists have discovered evidence of "rapid evolution" among fanged frogs on the island of Sulawesi. The team found 13 species of fanged frog on the island, which "differ in body size, amount of webbing in their feet, and even how they raise their young -- all in accordance with the demands of their distinct ecological niches." The article concluded: "The rapid evolution of these frogs is a striking example of adaptive radiation — a concept Charles Darwin famously recorded in Galapagos finches."

COMMENT: Once again, evolutionists are wrongly equating "adaptive radiation" — which all creationists accept —with evolution. These frogs are still frogs!

PINCH OF SALT NEEDED

NASA photo

According to *Space.com* (22nd. June 2011) scientists suspect "that Saturn's icy moon Enceladus conceals a salty ocean beneath its frozen surface." Using NASA's Cassini spacecraft, scientists have discovered that the water geysers erupting from Enceladus (right) contain a significant amount of salt — suggesting a subterranean sea. The finding might have implications for the possibility of life on Enceladus, researchers said." Team leader Frank Postberg of the University of Heidelberg said, "The fact that water is on such a remote and unlikely place surely has implications for the general likelihood of life in the universe."

COMMENT: Take these claims with a pinch of salt! The existence of water has nothing to do with the possibility of life. Life is more than chemicals — it needs information, which only comes from intelligence! Secular scientists can't explain how life could come from non-life, with or without water.

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